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Salisbury University's student voice

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University Village faces more break-ins; authorities anticipate crime increase

By Sean Gossard

Staff Writer

In the two months since Salisbury University has been in session, University Village, an off-campus student apartment complex has experienced over 15 break-ins. In the most recent break-ins several women have reported being touched in some way by the assailant.

In many of the incidents, access was gained through doors left unlocked by students during the night or while at classes.

In University Village the locks on the doors do not lock automatically, which has become problematic for many of the students living there. One of the main changes the residents want to see is a switch from the locks they have now to locks like the ones at University Park or those on campus.

When confronted with this proposition, the management at University Village said it would be much too expensive to change the entire lock system at this time.

The break-ins and faulty locks are just some of many problems that have plagued the new apartment complex.

Over the past few months break-

ins around the entire campus area have been on a sharp rise since last year. This increase of break-ins can be attributed, in part, to a large increase in the university's population.

The University Police department is expecting the number of these robberies to rise as soon as Thanksgiving comes around. Many students will be leaving the area to go home during this time and as a result leave their residences unguarded and accessible to would-be thieves.

Corporal Ed Jones of University Police recommends that students have appropriate locks on all residential doors and windows. To make your residence a less appealing target for a break-in, give your house the appearance of being lived in, and turn phone ringers down or all the way off. Jones also recommends that students leaving for breaks take all their valuables, such as computers and money, with them.

In addition to offering tips on making residences safer, the University Police department also performs free security surveys for students who live off campus. In these assessments, the police depart-



Chris Baum/The Flyer

There have been over 15 break-ins at University Village and authorities are predicting an increase over the Thanksgiving Break.

ment inspects the house or apartment for safety features and appropriate security measures, and informs students of what improve-

ments could be made. To take advantage of this service, or to report a suspected break-in or robbery, students may contact the

University Police department at 410-543-6222.



Quick Facts

* Every 12 minutes a woman is beaten in the United States.

* Wicomico County authorities answered over 500 domestic violence calls in 2005.

* Somerset County authorities answered over 150 domestic violence calls in 2005.

* The Life Crisis Center hotline answered over 5000 calls in 2005.



The audience lit candles to support the victims and families of domestic violence and masks were hung to represent how domestic violence affects people inside and out.

Story Brief

CMAT professor falls into life of teaching

This week's faculty spotlight focuses on Dr. Dennis Leoutsakas.

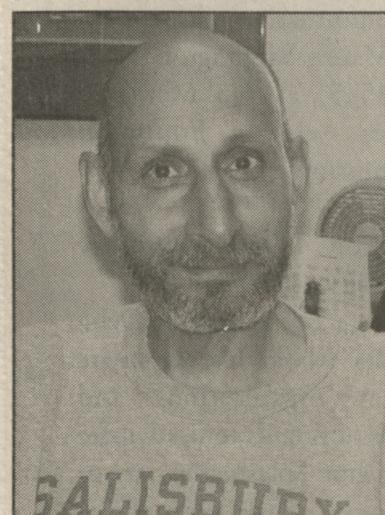
A "teacher by mistake," Dr. Dennis Leoutsakas fell into this career after years of being in foster homes, the military, and traveling. He has visited places around the world and loves meeting new people.

He now teaches classes in the Communications department, where he also hosts the Voices of Adoption panel for those involved in adoption to speak about their experiences.

For the full faculty spotlight interview, turn to page 5.

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Crime beat

10/10/05-10/17/05
00:01 AM-09:00 AM
Theft-An employee reported that six SU banners were stolen from the Pedestrian Underpass area.

10/19/05
03:30 PM-04:00 PM
Theft-An employee reported that a purse was stolen from an unlocked desk drawer in Caruthers Hall. The purse was found in a nearby dumpster. Currency and a cellular phone had been taken.

10/20/05
01:54 AM
Assault / Robbery- student reported making a comment to two passersby near Manokin Hall, which initiated a verbal argument that escalated into an assault and attempted robbery.

10/20/05
05:10 AM-05:40 AM
Malicious Destruction of Property-A university owned Cushman vehicle received minor damage after being overturned in the Library Parking Lot.

10/18/05
05:00 PM-06:45 PM
Theft-An employee reported a computer adaptor and member of BEACON, Dr. Memo Diriker. The report concluded that the spending habits of SU students

10/21/05
02:20 PM-02:35 PM
Theft-A student reported an unlocked bicycle had been stolen from a bike rack near Maggs Gym, and had been recovered. The student located the bicycle in the possession of another student. Criminal charges and university judicial action pending.

10/22/05
01:45 AM-01:47 AM
Indecent Exposure- University Police observed a student urinating in the Pedestrian Underpass.

10/22/05
01:50 AM-02:30 AM
Disturbance-A student reported that another student and their guest were engaged in verbal argument. University judicial action pending.

10/23/05
02:00 PM-03:00 PM
Theft-A student reported a cellular telephone was lost inside of Maggs Gym. It has not been returned and has apparently been stolen.

10/23/05-10/24/05
09:00 PM-09:00 AM
Malicious Destruction of Property-An employee reported a fire alarm pull station glass was broken on the first floor of St. Martins Hall.

SU hosts "Campaign to End AIDS"

By Jodie Lehrer
Staff Writer

This week, a caravan whose mission is to end AIDS will come to the Salisbury University campus. The caravan, composed of individuals from all over the country, calls itself the "Campaign to End AIDS" (C2EA) and is on a nation-wide mission to raise awareness of AIDS. It will end its journey in Washington D.C., and will pull into campus on Friday November 4 at 3:00 pm.

C2EA's visit on Friday will mark the first time SU has hosted an event such as this.

"The Office of Student Activities is trying to get out more information to students through various programs," said Rohry Flood of the Office of Student Activities.

SU decided this year that it would be very advantageous to host this campaign. "[We] thought it would be beneficial to the students to get the opportunity to hear from people of their age," said Flood.

According to the C2EA web site (www.c2ea.org), the four days of action include an opening ceremony and rally in Anacostia Park, an interfaith prayer service and youth

a personal testimony speaking from the youth perspective.

Along with LeBrun, Jennifer Berkman from Health Services will speak about the resources available on campus, and Michael Rajner will speak about the actual campaign. Giving the closing remarks will be Susan Tanner from the Delaware HIV Consortium.

The main goal of the campaign is to raise awareness of AIDS, which is feared to be very low at most colleges, even SU. "For the campus as a whole I think many people don't believe it will ever affect them," said Flood.

The campaign started on October 10th and consists of 10 separate caravans headed to DC from various parts of the country. SU is the last stop of this particular caravan, and the participants will arrive in DC on Saturday, November 5 for the beginning of the four days of action.

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on HIV prevention, Affinity Actions and Trainings on Advocacy Skills, ending with legislative visits on Capitol Hill.

C2EA's mission is to stop at as many college campuses across the country as possible, but they do not limit themselves to just colleges. "They were willing to present their information to anyone who is willing to listen," said Flood.

A common misconception of AIDS is that once someone contracts HIV, they automatically have AIDS. This is not true. According to www.aids.org, there is an average window period of 3 months in which one may have contracted AIDS but will not yet test positive.

Although the C2EA is mainly an awareness campaign, they do accept donations. Students and SU staff members can donate to the campaign upon its arrival at SU on November 4, or they can even be made at their website, www.campaigntoendaids.org.

Their ultimate goal is to get their point across in DC," said Flood. "AIDS is an important issue that



Chris Baum/The Flyer
Rohry Flood of the Office of Student Activities.

people need to be more concerned about. For more information on C2EA, visit their website at www.campaigntoendaids.org. For information on AIDS testing, students may contact SU's Health Services at 410-543-6262, or log onto their website at www.salisbury.edu/health.

We should have a Saks Fifth Avenue or stores of that nature.

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Tickets are now available to A Rockin' Cool Yule, a Holiday Celebration of Life. The event will be presented in two performances - Saturday, November 12th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 13th at 2:00 p.m., both at Wicomico High School in Salisbury. A portion of the funds raised from this event will support The Wellness Community's free program of professional education and support for cancer patients and their families. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at The Wellness Community, Johnson's Seed & Feed, Season's Best Antiques, and D'Ann Danse Studios. Proceeds from this event will also benefit Women Supporting Women of Salisbury. For more information, or to reserve tickets, call The Wellness Community at (410) 546-1200.

There should be a stand alone Geek Squad precinct.

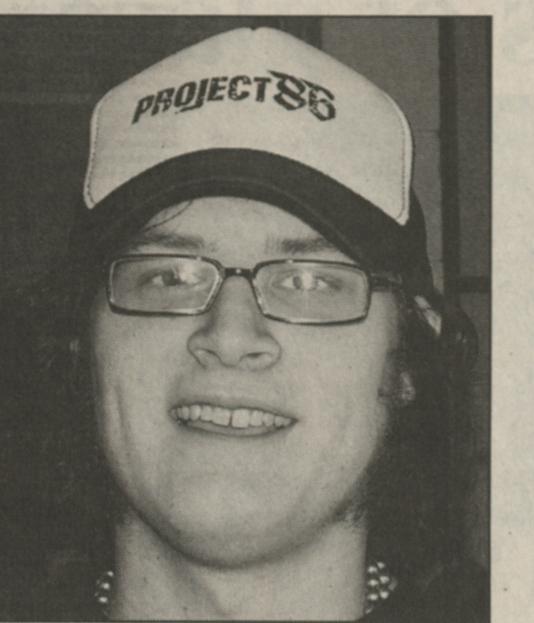
EDITORIAL

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Overheard What new businesses would you like to see open in Salisbury?



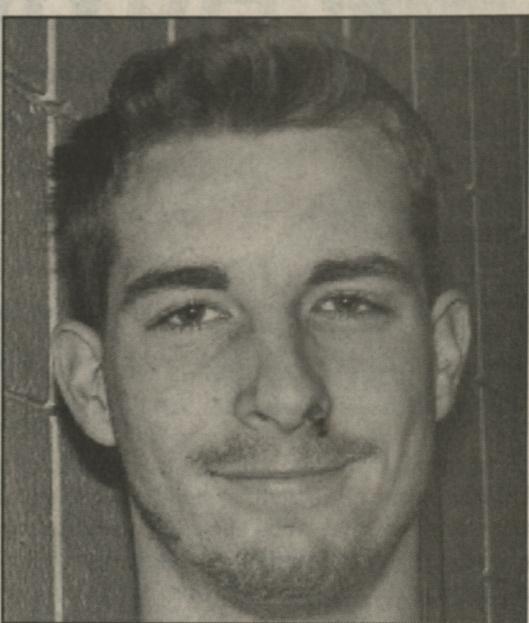
Andrea Diaz, Senior



Bryan Roscoe, Sophomore



Rachael Schlegel, Freshman



Kris Greenwell, Sophomore

SU recognized for positive economic effect

By Meredith Maguire
Staff Writer

In a joint presentation made last week by Salisbury University officials and members of the city of Salisbury's Chamber of Commerce, Salisbury University was highlighted as one of the main economic strengths of the Eastern Shore.

"The University's constant growth directly relates to the growth of the Salisbury community," said Frank Hanna of Brew River. According to Hanna, the University is also a major part of their staff.

About 80% of our servers and 55% of our overall staff are Salisbury University students," said Hanna.

bring about 351.6 million dollars of revenue to local businesses per year. Dirlker said that external funds are important when analyzing the Delmarva peninsula's economy.

The University definitely has a positive effect on our business, whether it be the lunch and dinner crowd or the bar side of our business," said Frank Hanna of Brew River.

According to Hanna, the growth of students will be able to find more job opportunities right here in Salisbury.

"Every year a number of graduates are placed in well paying jobs locally," said Dirlker.

SU Plans Parking Changes

By Matt Walenciak
Staff Writer

Heather Holmes, Director of Student Activities conducted an SGA forum with students concerning the seven hundred parking spaces that will be lost on campus when the Teacher Education and Technology Center building goes up next fall.

Still, the university plans to relocate those spaces to several satellite parking lots. Holmes said that possibilities for satellite lots include "the fenced in area by Powers, an area on Bateman Street by SuperFresh, and satellite parking in Fruita land."

By 2010, another 1,000 parking spots are expected to be available with the planned construction of a parking garage at SU. The state has given SU the OK to borrow \$16 million for that project in 2008, officials said.

According to Mitchell, "several potential sites have been identified for the garage, including along Route 13 behind the University Center."

Changes to SU's parking lots will mean changes to the shuttle bus system as well. Students have complained about the buses filling up to quickly, the buses tend to arrive late and that the routes they need to take are altered.

Mitchell said, "The shuttle bus service will be modified as necessary to accommodate the parking plan that is ultimately adopted."

Walking and bicycles are other ways to maneuver to and from campus. Yet even with the recent spike in gas prices, few students have been riding their bikes to SU.

SU student Colleen Evans, for one, said that she doesn't ride her bike because of the possibility that the weather may turn bad and because she doesn't want to deal with city traffic.

That too may soon be addressed. "The city of Salisbury and the Maryland Department of Highways are planning to construct sidewalks along Route 13," Mitchell said.

Attention All Salisbury University Students:

The Zeta Psi chapter of Delta Gamma would like to invite student organizations and groups of friends to participate in Anchor Splash, our largest fundraiser of the year. All of the proceeds of Anchor Splash 2005 will go to Service for Sight and Aid to the Blind.

Anchor Splash will take place on Sunday November 6, 2005 from 1:00-4:00 pm in the Maggs pool. There will be water games, synchronized swimming and prize giveaways. For more information contact Melissa Dadourian at md07119@students.salisbury.edu.

To the Editor

Dear Flyer/Editor,

Dear Editor,

After reading your October 24th article on the global warming speaker, I found myself very confused about this topic as a student who has done numerous presentations on, and has independently studied the data on Global warming. After doing some research, unlike your writer, on the background of Mr. Patrick Michaels, I found some very interesting information that should have been included in this article.

Dr. Patrick Michaels is a member of the CATO institute, which is a libertarian organization and political think-tank that tends to wildly advocate complete separation of government control of everyday life, which often puts them far on the very conservative right wing. Some contend that CATO simply provides sound bites for republican politicians and other conservative groups that are all too effective in misleading uninformed listeners and swaying public opinion. They are financed chiefly by large corporations including Energy and oil companies like Koch Industries which are not overly excited to say the least, to get information about the hazardous effects of energy pollution including global warming. Some contend that the CATO institute is a gentle reminder to thieves that you might be caught. And finally the CCTV cameras (a recent addition this semester) are to catch acts in progress. Just as there are locks and alarms on the doors, the bookstore is doing what any other store does: protecting its assets.

A question posed by the article "Who is responsible if someone's belongings are taken from the hallway outside the Bookrack?" The answer: The bag's owner who carelessly decided not to secure his or her belongings in the adjacent lockers.

Instead of blatantly attacking the Bookrack on the editorial page and claiming "Apparently, stealing at the bookstore has become a problem over the years; so much so that they..." perhaps the Flyer staff member should have interviewed Bookrack staff and written an exposé on recent theft.

In the three years that I have been at Salisbury, this has always been the policy -- it is just more strictly enforced this semester.

The criticism towards the bookstore is unwarranted. The article states, "By mandating that students leave their bags and purses outside, it seems

as though the bookstore is assuming that the majority of students are dishonest. Although this procedure may be entirely precautionary, how many stealing incidents have been to justify the incrimination of the entire student body? And, in that case, what are the detectors at the exits doors for?"

The bookstore does not imply that most students are thieves. The security system is layered. The bag-checking is the first layer. This limits the potential thief's opportunity to steal. The EAS sensors at the store's exit are used to prevent tagged merchandise from leaving the store illegally, as well as provide a gentle reminder to thieves that you might be caught. And finally the CCTV cameras (a recent addition this semester) are to catch acts in progress. Just as there are locks and alarms on the doors, the bookstore is doing what any other store does: protecting its assets.

The article states that because the bookstore's "bags allowed" policy is being strictly enforced, students are required to leave their bags outside in the hallway unsupervised, so that the bags themselves may be stolen. The contributors to the article request "somewhere to put our things," "some kind of unit to hold [students'] personal effects," and a "cubby hole unit." This secured, self-contained, temporary holding area already exists.

(1) The contributors have failed to observe the locks ten feet from the Bookrack's entrance (right across from the Gull Card office). These locks are able to hold the average-sized bookbag.

(2) There is a sign by the entrance to the Bookrack informing students to put their bags in those lockers, and that they are not responsible for bags left out in the open.

(3) If you do not have the 50 cents required to operate those lockers, the bookstore staff is generous enough to lend you the money to protect your bag.

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Artist seeks SU students to create sketch group

By Tom Ruch
Paginator

I can guess that just about every freshman on campus, including myself, can "agree to disagree" about the parking limitations for freshmen. It happens to be a big inconvenience to me because I need the beach to be accessible to me 24/7. Since I do not have a car, I am forced to try to find a ride, which is pretty much impossible at this time of year, take a bus, or walk. The only realistic option is to take a bus, in which I'd have to follow the schedule, and pay a fee, and constantly watch my time so I know when the bus leaves back to SU. I love the beach, everything about it, and without a car, my chances of making the journey is slim to none, approaching winter soon. I still need a car for other reasons, and I am assuming the university does not recognize that. SU might just think that there is not enough room for all freshmen to have cars. This is true for this time of year, take a bus, or walk. The only realistic option is to take a bus, in which I'd have to follow the schedule, and pay a fee, and constantly watch my time so I know when the bus leaves back to SU. I love the beach, everything about it, and without a car, my chances of making the journey is slim to none, approaching winter soon.

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It is really fair to keep these privileges away from incoming freshman? This is a large factor in determining which school a new student will attend, and it could be the deciding factor. SU could be missing out on some quality students, but they did not miss out on me.

The idea for this sketch group was inspired by the Easton Art Museum's Monday Portrait and Figure drawing group. There is no reason why the Salisbury community should not have a similar opportunity for artistic study.

Please call David at 410-603-8630. Directions to his studio can be found on his web site at www.ArtOnTheShore.com.

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NEED OFF CAMPUS HOUSING?

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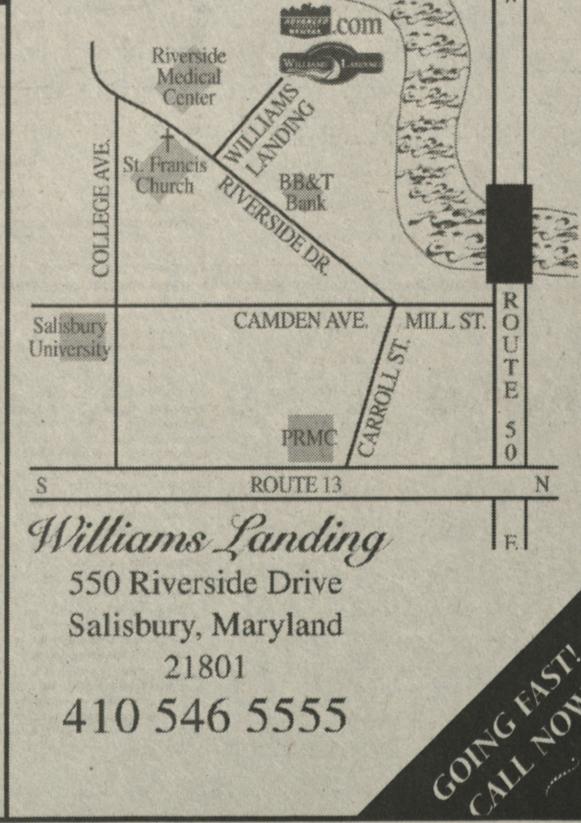
TWO STORY / 4 BEDROOM MODEL

The two story model appears in Cedar Crossing and Varsity Lane.

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Sincerely,
Brendan Harris

LIFE & STYLE

October 31, 2005



Mr. Advice

Mr. Advice answers all your questions, even private ones, in complete confidentiality. Send your questions to: kb04128@students.salisbury.edu. Don't be shy, ask anything!

I have a friend who I think is a little too out of control when it comes to the social scene. She had a steady boyfriend throughout high school, but it seems that when she came to college, the amount of single persons was overwhelming. She has since hooked up with eight people, all from the same clique. I am really concerned for her well-being. She is a really nice girl and her reputation is being tarnished no more than six weeks into the school year. The last thing I want is her becoming a groupie. Does this make her a whore or am I overreacting over nothing? What do guys see her as? Right now she is the "life of the party" but what is going to happen when they all get sick of her and she cannot hang out with them anymore?

Wow, this is a little out of control. I think having a steady boyfriend through out high school may have a little something to do with it. Now, she may feel like she has all the freedom in the world to do what she wants. BUT the problem with that is, does she know the people she is messing with? Who have they been with? I wouldn't say you are overreacting in the least bit, but what can you say to her that will make her realize her actions aren't right? You need to ask yourself what will give her a wake up call. You may also want to consider if you would even have an impact at all. Some people say that it could be that time where that person needs to get the party animal out, but hooking up with eight people from the same clique is a little excessive in six weeks of school. As far as what guys see her as, I wouldn't know, but if her name gets tossed around with bad connotation, I'm pretty sure they don't think highly of her. And what does she think about this? Does she care? If they do get sick of her, she'll know it soon enough. I do not mean to sound pessimistic about her situation, but she needs to start caring for herself and that's not happening by messing with eight people who are friends with each other. She may think nothing is wrong with it, but my concern is, does she know who she is messing with and what if they have diseases? I don't consider this to be in the position of a whore but she just needs to watch herself.

The boy that I have been talking to for about five months now is acting crazy. He always tells me how much he likes me & does a lot of cute things, like giving me gifts, writing me letters and stuff, but he won't be my boyfriend. His excuses and reasons are like he is waiting for the right time or other stuff but says he is not afraid of commitment. This makes me feel kind of unsure whether he really wants to be with me... I keep thinking that maybe there is some other girl or something... I don't know what to do?

A couple of things could be happening here. He actually could be afraid of commitment, which is why he always does nice things for you but doesn't actually take the title of boyfriend. Even though he says he isn't afraid, it is a possibility. He might just be going through some things that affect him academically, financially, or personally. He could be going through some family issues. There is the chance that there could be another girl in the picture, but if so, then why would he give you gifts? I'm not sure if he does or doesn't have another person on the side, but it is on your mind, so I would suggest you find out. It may be because he is doing what he feels best at the moment. After 5 months, I will figure the person would have decided whether or not to date by now, but it seems as though the situation hasn't changed. If you are getting tired of this, you're going to have to be direct, since you say he is beating around the bush. A direct choice would be an idea, but you would have to make sure he is honest. An example would be an "all or nothing" ultimatum, but it is all in your hands. So, if you want decisions made, you're going to have to make him understand what you want.

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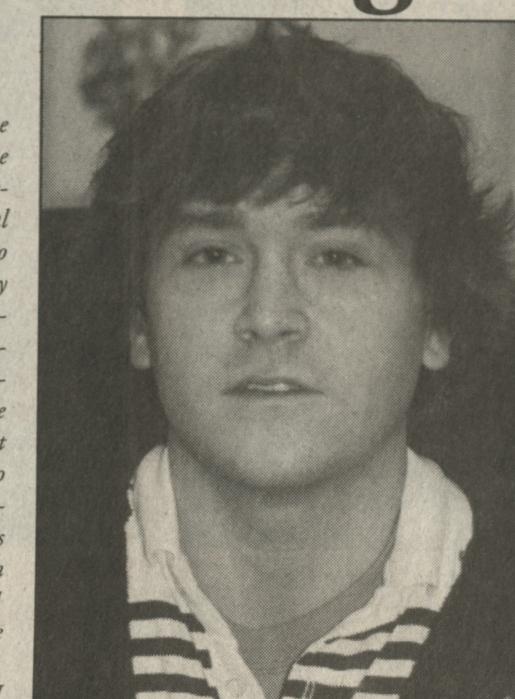
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Student Spotlight

Tim McFadden: spinning dreams of glass

By Kevin Banks
Staff Writer



Contessa Crisostomo/The Flyer

With his major in Marketing and minor in Art, Tim McFadden is serious about his future.

What inspired you to want to create a glass studio? Ever since I started blowing glass I was intrigued by it to the point that ideally, I wanted to be involved with it for the rest of my life. The only way to continue blowing glass would be to work in a factory or to open a studio of your own.

Opening your own studio is really the only opportunity to create whatever you want, whenever you feel like it.

How does your family feel about this accomplishment? My parents are happy. They seem more determined about propelling my glass future than I do, which is good motivation.

As most seniors are worried about creating a resume, you must be glad to have such an accomplishment to add.

I'm not too worried about a resume, but it will definitely affect my application for a bank loan in the coming year. I feel that it shows enough potential to almost guarantee approval.

What motivates you to enter the competition? I entered this competition to see how my business plan would compete at a national level with students from the top business universities across the country. The top prize was \$35,000.

What is your favorite course at SU? Art 491, Independent Study. It is the glass course, which I am currently enrolled in. It is an upper level class with complete artistic freedom under the guidance of a knowledgeable professor.

What are you planning on doing when you graduate? Anything lined up?

I plan on opening a glass studio in the summer/fall after graduation.

What are future goals you wish to complete?

I hope to get my business off the ground without many complications and make it as an artist/entrepreneur, while contributing to the art community.

What art have you created so far?

I'm not sure if I will be in the senior art show, which is held for graduating art majors, since I am only an Art minor, but I am putting together a website with pictures of my work that will be accessible shortly.

What advice would you give to students?

I recommend that every student should find one class at Salisbury that they normally wouldn't take and fit it into their schedule before graduating while you still have a chance to experiment.

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Chunk a Punkin!



Photo courtesy of www.punkinchunkin.com

Team "The Great Emancipator" poses for a photo with their mammoth pumpkin launcher during last year's "Punkin Chunkin."

By Erin Kraus
Staff Writer

Anyone who has ever had the desire to shoot a pumpkin out of a cannon now has the opportunity to do so at the 20th annual Punkin Chunkin on November 4 through 6. This event is held annually in Millboro, Delaware and everyone is invited. There is an admission fee of \$7 per person and parking is \$2. Bringing blankets and chairs is recommended since Punkin Chunkin takes place in a cornfield.

The basic premise involves shooting a pumpkin out of a machine of compressed air — similar to a potato gun or a catapult and watching it fly high in the air and then explode on the ground. The team who can shoot their pumpkin the farthest is the winner.

The festivities start at 8 a.m. and the last chunk is at dusk.

The party won't stop there, though.

There will be food and drink vendors

so the festivities can continue late

into the night. Students may want to note however, that although alcohol is permitted, it will not be provided by any of the vendors.

The competition is regulated with distinct classifications for different machines. Some of the classifications include: Adult Air, Adult Centrifugal, Adult Catapult, Adult Human Power, Adult Human Power Centrifugal, and a Kids' Catapult Contest. Each chunk will be overseen by an official to make sure the pumpkin was regulation size and no explosives were used. Anyone who wishes to participate in Punkin Chunkin must submit an application, provide their own machine and pay a \$25 entrance fee.

Aside from the actual "punkin chunking," there will be a chili cook-off, a competition for best entrée, soup, salad, and dessert featuring a pumpkin, and another competition to see who can create a dish using the majority of the pumpkin.

For more information on the event and directions to the site, check out the website at www.punkinchunkin.com.

Although not traditionally a student event, many Salisbury University students have enjoyed participating in the festivities in recent years. Senior Eric Bush enjoys Punkin Chunkin celebratory environment. "Everybody in the community comes together to just have a good time," he says.

Senior Felicia Cirillo likens the event to a redneck Field Day. "Punkin Chunkin is an opportunity to bring out the child in everyone," she adds. "It's amazing how much fun it is to watch a pumpkin fly into the air and explode."

First time Chunkin attendee, junior Adam Tull, looks forward to attending Punkin Chunkin because, "I like the idea of using old pumpkins for entertainment that would otherwise be thrown away."

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Do you enjoy teaching?

Actually, I never really wanted to teach. But I am good at it. I'm a teacher by mistake. I never expected to get my PhD. I felt it was the right thing to do. As the years moved on, I felt that was the direction to go, like it was my calling. I help students when I can.

What is the Voices of Adoption?

Basically, it is a platform for those who have been adopted, fostered, or forcibly taken from their birth parents to speak out. It is a chance for all people involved in the orphanage or adoption processes to speak about their experiences, talk to one another, and share experiences because they may not have someone who they can go to. There are controversial topics which they speak on, too, such as should an adopted child or foster child have access to their parent's info?

What experience do you have with topics with Voices of Adoption?

I actually grew up as a bi-racial orphan in multiple foster homes. I went from foster home to foster home; I lived in one for nearly 10 years. I never knew my parents. So this is something that is dear to my heart.

Was it hard doing all of that?

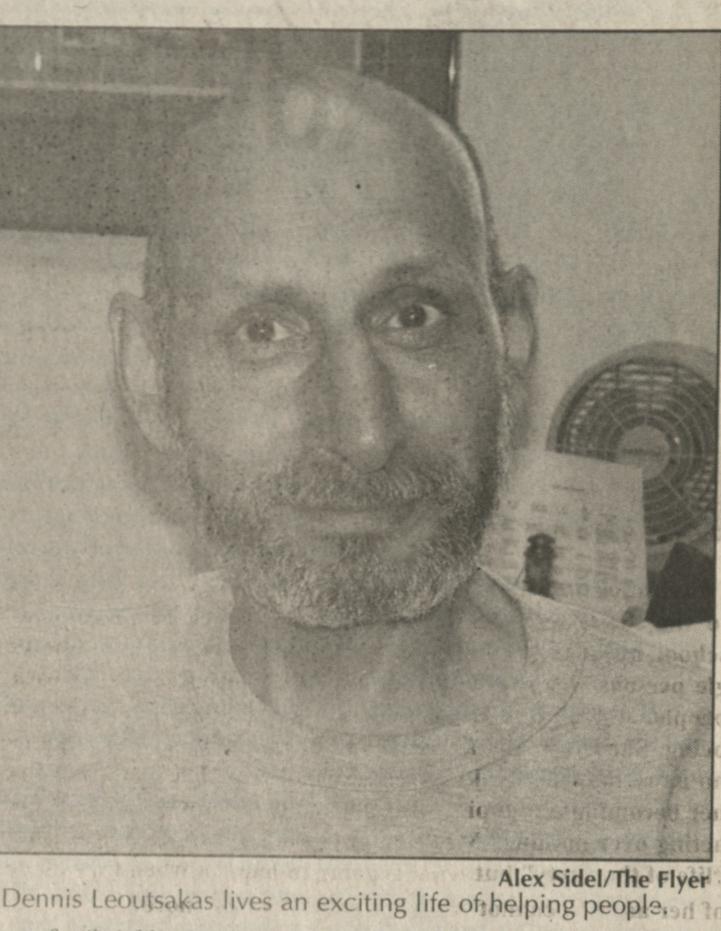
Yeah, it's always hard not knowing

Faculty Spotlight

CMAT professor falls into life of teaching

By Kevin Banks
Staff Writer

A "teacher by mistake," Dr. Dennis Leontasak fell into this career after years of being in foster homes, the military, and traveling. He has visited places around the world and loves meeting new people. He now teaches classes in the Communications department, where he also hosts the Voices of Adoption panel for those involved in adoption to speak about their experiences.



Alex Sidel/The Flyer

Dr. Dennis Leontasak lives an exciting life of helping people. His important work is currently undergoing an AIDS epidemic. He spent almost two weeks evaluating their HIV/AIDS programs and their substance abuse treatment programs. He is still writing the report for the U.S. embassy. Hopefully my notes will help make a difference in their fight against AIDS.

Could you talk a little bit about your involvement in last year's interracial dating panel sponsored by the Asian-Pacific Islanders Club? My orphanning experiences and my bi-racial status (or complexion) are the forces that shaped my childhood. So, I was pretty honored when the club asked me to give a few opening remarks and join their panel. I don't think we've yet come to grips with all the tensions surrounding race. My belief is that by forcing ourselves to look at our own anxieties, biases, and discriminations we can connect through our human frailties. This semester, money is still being collected for the orphanage. Students can donate money to Rotary Flood in the Students activities center or the Lambda Pi Eta. Also this year, many more students are involved in this panel. I have several students in my managerial class who are doing this for a project as well.

What did you do this summer? I traveled to the Balics... Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. It was pretty difficult conversation.

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The Weatherman: a case study in tragic irony

By Erin Kraus
Staff Writer

If there's one thing to say about Nicholas Cage's new film, "The Weatherman" it would have to be painfully realistic.

Cage plays David Spritz, a weatherman in Chicago who wishes he could get his act together. Unfortunately, he is essentially a failure.

His job is a joke, all he does is read from a teleprompter and smile, he and his wife are separated, his daughter is overweight and depressed, his son is in drug rehab and has a disturbing relationship with one of his counselors, and all Spritz really wants is to please his Pulitzer Prize winning father, played by Michael Caine.

At the beginning of the film, Spritz is determined to get his life back in order. He and his wife attend cou-

ples counseling, he tries to bond with his daughter in hopes of cheering her up, he tries to impress his father with a prestigious job offer in New York City, but everything he does seems to go horribly awry. On top of all that, Spritz is constantly having fast food thrown at him by angry Chicago citizens.

Towards the beginning of the film, he theorizes that people resent him because of his false cheerfulness, and the fact that he makes \$240,000 a year to read from a teleprompter, because after all, it's just as good as his father.

Moviegoer and Salisbury senior Buddy Yeager isn't sure this film is for everyone however.

He says, "The movie was great, but not everyone will appreciate the dark humor."

The difference is, "American Beauty" challenged realism by crossing a unrealistic boundaries. "Weatherman" doesn't do that.

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TV weatherman David Spritz (Nicholas Cage, pictured) is often a moving target for fans unhappy with his weather predictions

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One tries to unite a grieving country, quell the critics who feel she's not up to the task, and look to the

bright future which lies ahead, led by the first female President of the United States.

The show takes viewers right into all the drama that comes with being President, not to mention the first Vice President. But the show also gives viewers a sneak peek into the lives of her husband Rod, now the first gentleman of the United States, and their three children Rebecca, Horace, and Amy.

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Salisbury ready to attack the post-season

By Aaron Baker
Staff Writer

This fall look like another season where SU will do some damage in the post-season. Here's a look at the regular season highlights and a preview for what lies ahead in the post-season:

Field Hockey - Record: 15-1 (6-1)

A shocking loss to Montclair St. and losing quarterback Dustin Johnson for the season has not halted the No. 17 Sea Gulls. SU has blown out every ACFC opponent they have played plus a 41-16 victory against Division I-AA St. Peter's College that made the bottom of the screen ticker on ESPN. Senior running back Leroy Satchell leads the attack with 934 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns. Defense has also been stellar with 10 interceptions and 15 sacks.

Wuz Up Post-Season: Once again SU is the team to beat in the post-

season. They might have some competition with Catholic but otherwise the CAC tournament should be a breeze. If everything goes to plan, Salisbury will host NCAAs regionals again which will help them gain another Final Four berth and maybe a third straight national title.

Football - Record: 6-1 (5-0 CAC)

Despite having their 44 game winning streak snapped to The College of New Jersey, the No. 1 Sea Gulls are still playing like 2-time National Champions with victories over No. 3 Messiah, No. 15 Catholic and No. 4 Rowan. Leading their strong offensive attack is senior Brittany Ellier with team highs with 21 goals, 10 assists and 52 points. Juniors Lynette Sgrignoli and Megan Powell have added fire power with a combined 30 goals and 73 points.

Wuz Up Post-Season: Once again SU is the team to beat in the post-

making the NCAA tournament. The Sea Gulls are almost a lock for the playoffs considering the teams left on their schedule. SU could go a few rounds in the tournament if they continue to play smart football and stay focused on game day.

Men's Soccer - Record: 14-1-1 (6-1)

It's another solid regular season for No. 5 Salisbury. The Sea Gulls' solid offensive attack was led by senior Bill Whittington's 12 goals and 29 points. Defense has been the real story as SU has only allowed six goals to slip by this season. The Sea Gulls also boast shut out performances from three different goalies: Jason Cranford, Scott McGuire and Matt Blue.

Wuz Up Post-Season: Just like last season, SU will most likely have to get past York to secure the CAC title. The good news is the Sea Gulls have home-field for the CAC tournament and most likely for NCAAs regionals. As long as SU

continues to play the way they have all season, their chances of returning to the Final Four are very high.

Cross Country

The men's best performances were a 1st place finish at the Towson Invitational and a 3rd place finish at Maryland State Championships. The women have posted two 2nd place finishes at the Sea Gull Opener and Maryland State Championships.

Senior Scott Koehler has been the top finisher for men in every meet this season and his 4th place finish at Towson helped secure the team's first place finish. Sophomore Casey McLernon has led the way for the women with stellar help from freshmen Amanda Hill and Glenna Sullivan.

Wuz Up Post-Season: SU is capable of sweeping both the men's and women's CAC Championship meets as the Sea Gulls have looked solid in almost every meet this season.

Women's Soccer - Record: 5-9-2 (2-3-1)

Despite a rough start, SU is finishing the season on a high note. The Sea Gulls posted back-to-back wins against CAC opponents Marymount and Goucher by scores of 2-1 and 4-0. The 4-0 thrashing of Goucher was highlighted by two goals from junior Natalie Day and a shoutout from senior goalie Katie Hendrickson.

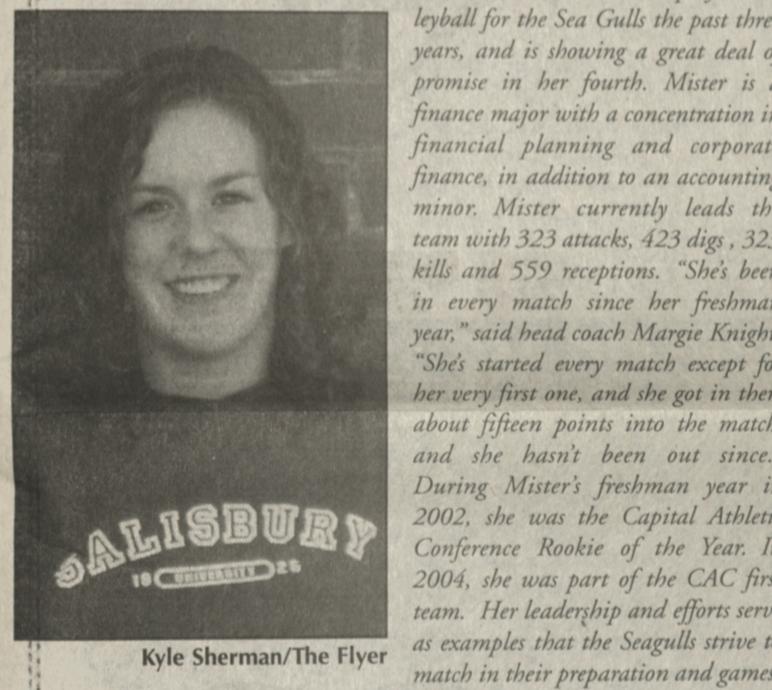
Wuz Up Post-Season: The success the Sea Gulls posted towards the end of the season will help give them confidence going into the CAC tournament. SU faces the tough challenge of winning three games on the road. But remember, this is the same team last year that took a CAC title away from Mary Washington's superior team.

Note: All team records are current through October 27, 2005.

Student Athlete Spotlight

SU Volleyball Captain Brittany Mister

By Noah Wood
Staff Writer



Kyle Sherman/The Flyer

Senior Brittany Mister, 20, from Prince Frederick, MD, has played volleyball for the Sea Gulls the past three years, and is showing a great deal of promise in her fourth. Mister is a finance major with a concentration in financial planning and corporate finance, in addition to an accounting minor. Mister currently leads the team with 323 attacks, 423 digs, 323 kills and 559 receptions. "She's been in every match since her freshman year," said head coach Marge Knight. "She's started every match except for her very first one, and she got in there about fifteen points into the match, and she hasn't been out since." During Mister's freshman year in 2002, she was the Capital Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year. In 2004, she was part of the CAC first team. Her leadership and efforts serve as examples that the Seagulls strive to match in their preparation and games.

ished first or second in our conference all four years.

What do you think of the SU team so far this season?

We are extremely talented with a good mix of veteran and new players. I believe that we have the ability to go far this season, possibly further than any volleyball team in school history.

How long have you been playing?

Tenth year playing. I started playing the summer before 7th grade.

Did you play in high school? If so, how well did your team consistently do?

I played all four years in high school and was ranked in the top five in the varsity team. We were

ranked in the top five in the

Metropolitan Area (ranked by the Washington Post) all four years I attended high school. We also fin-

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